

James, P.D.

Adam Dalgliesh, a critically acclaimed poet and Scotland Yard commander, in London, England

The Lighthouse

The Private Patient

Johansen, Iris

Eve Duncan, forensic sculptor

Body of Lies

Shadow Play

Lansdale, Joe R.

Hap Collins, straight and white, and Leonard Pine, gay and black, in East Texas

Devil Red

Vanilla Ride

McCall Smith, Alexander

Mma Precious Ramotswe, owner of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, and her assistant, Mma Grace Makutsi, in Botswana

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection

Paretsky, Sarah

V.I. Warshawski, an attorney turned private eye, in Chicago, Illinois

Breakdown

Fire Sale

Patterson, James

Alex Cross, a psychiatrist and homicide cop, in Washington DC

Kill Alex Cross

Alex Cross Run

Perry, Anne

Thomas and Charlotte Pitt, a police inspector and wife in Victorian London, England

Midnight at Marble Arch

Treason at Lisson Grove

Peters, Elizabeth

Amelia Peabody, a Victorian feminist

Egyptologist from Kent, England

The Falcon at the Portal

Tomb of the Golden Bird

Peters, Ellis

Brother Cadfael, a 12th century monk and herbalist in Shrewsbury, England

The Holy Thief

The Hermit of Eyton Forest

Stabenow, Dana

Kate Shugak, a native Alaskan ex-DA investigator, who lives on a 160-acre homestead in a generic national Park in Alaska with her half-wolf, half-husky dog named Mutt

Bad Blood

A Night Too Dark

Walker, Martin

Benoit "Bruno" Courrèges, Chief of Police, in St. Denis in the Périgord region of southwestern France

The Dark Vneyard

The Patriarch

Woods, Stuart

Stone Barrington, an ex-cop and attorney, in New York City

Unintended Consequences

Doing hard Time

Series Mysteries



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This is a list of mystery authors who feature the same characters through a series. Besides the stories themselves, series mysteries allow us to follow a character through the years and learn how the author's view of the character grows. Titles are examples; more will be found in the Library catalog.

Albert, Susan Wittig

China Bayles, an herbalist and former attorney, in Pecan Springs, Texas
Thyme of Death
Bittersweet

Barr, Nevada

Anna Pigeon, a park ranger at various national parks in the USA
Ill Wind
Destroyer Angel

Beaton, M.C.

Agatha Raisin, a frustrated, yet endearing, middle-aged public-relations agent turned detective in England
Agatha Raisin and the quiche of death
The Blood of an Englishman

Block, Lawrence

Bernie Rhodenbarr, a New York City based thief addicted to the thrill of lock picking and breaking and entering.
The Burglar Who Counted the Spoons
The Burglar Who Painted like Mondrian

Burke, James Lee

Dave Robicheaux, a deputy sheriff in New Iberia, Louisiana
Glass Rainbow
Crusader's Cross

Connelly, Michael

Mickey Haller, a Los Angeles based defense attorney
The Lincoln Lawyer
The Gods of Guilt

Cornwell, Patricia

Dr. Kay Scarpetta, chief medical examiner in Richmond, Virginia
All that Remains
Flesh and Blood

Coulter, Catherine

Nicholas Drummond, American-born Chief Inspector with Scotland Yard -- who later joins the FBI
The Final Cut
The End Game

Deaver, Jeffery

Kathryn Dance, a California Bureau of Investigation interrogator and body language expert
The Sleeping Doll
Solitude Creek

Dunlap, Susan

Darcy Lott, a movie stuntwoman and Zen practitioner, in northern California
A Single Eye
No Footprints

Elkins, Aaron

Gideon Oliver, anthropology professor in Port Angeles, Washington
Fellowship of Fear
Little Tiny Teeth

Fossum, Karin

Inspector Sejer, a police inspector in Oslo, Norway
When the Devil Holds the Candle
The Drowned Boy

Fowler, Earlene

Albenia "Benni" Harper, an ex-rancher and folk art museum curator, in San Celina, California
Seven Sisters
Road to Cardinal Valley

Gardner, Lisa

D.D. Warren, a police detective, and Bobby Dodge, a state police sniper, in Boston, Massachusetts
Alone
Fear Nothing

Gilman, Dorothy

Mrs. Pollifax, a grandmother and CIA agent from New Jersey
A Palm for Mrs. Pollifax
Mrs. Pollifax Pursued

Graves, Sarah

Jacobia Tiptree, a onetime financial advisor to the Mob, now living in Eastport, Maine, in the Home Repair Is Homicide mysteries
Crawlspace
Tool & Die

Hillerman, Tony

Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee, Navajo tribal police officers in the southwest USA
The Blessing Way
Sinister Pig